Regular Meeting

Milford Board of Health

June 7, 2021

Members Present: Paul Mazzuchelli, Chairman, Kenneth Evans and Leonard Izzo

Others Present: Jacquelyn Murphy, Health Director, Joan Clarico, Health Inspector, Hannah Tavares, Health Inspector, Mary Watson, Public Health Nurse, Brian Murray, State Representative, Ryan Fattman, State Senator, and Lisa Tamagni, Minute Clerk

At 6:00 p.m. Paul Mazzuchelli, Chairman called meeting to order

**The minutes of the May 17, 2021 meeting were read and approved by the members.**

**Board of Health Presentation**

Paul Mazzuchelli, Chairman

**WORDS OF APPRECIATION FOR THE MILFORD BOARD OF HEALTH**

“On any given day, even without this pandemic, local boards of health are working continuously to protect and promote the health and well-being of the residents and guests of their community.

 I would say the Board of Health enforces close to100% of the governor’s COVID orders, which is time-consuming because we only have minimum work staff to try to enforce 100’s orders and still fulfill our mandated responsibilities.

Besides contact tracing for COVID-19 cases, organizing testing sites and now vaccine clinics to keep our residents healthy, we still enforce the state sanitary code (food, housing, swimming pools, body art, tanning facilities), monitor tobacco sales to minors, make sure citizens are immunized and more. Add rubbish and recycling to that, which today is usually the responsibility of DPW’s or sanitation departments in most municipalities.

All these new added new duties did not come with extra staff, training or funding.

The “invisible work” done by local boards of health continues to be “unseen” especially by policy decision-makers and some residents. As I mentioned times before, local health departments are victims of their own success. Dr. Thomas Fuller once said in the 1720’s “Public health is really not valued until sickness comes”.

Even with all these added responsibilities, this local office staff gave us what we need to protect our families and communities. Working tirelessly by advising our schools, businesses and residents, and protecting those at greatest risk.

Jackie, Lisa, Joan, Hannah and Mary; We see you. We appreciate you and we thank you. A team that is a credit to the Town of Milford.”

**Awards Presentation**

State Senator Ryan Fattman, and State Representative, Brian Murray presented each staff member with a special citation employee of the Milford Board of Health with citations of recognition for their dedication during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.